

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Ringer

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February 2017 Newsletter



From the
Pastor

Intersections are interesting. I tend to get impatient when a light seems to stay red too long, or green not long enough! At a four way, we sometimes wonder “who will go next?” And we won’t mention all those streets here in Salina that don’t quite match up!

This year we have an intersection of holidays in the church. One, although commemorating a Saint, has become very secular; the other begins our season of preparation for Easter. Valentine’s Day is a wonderful time to remember the power of love and relationships and crushes and maybe-s, and our flower shops and card companies do quite well as well! It is a bright happy holiday. But on the same day this year is Ash Wednesday, a time for the church to remember our sins and start the journey to understand the cost of our salvation. The interesting thing though is both holidays are fully rooted in love of God and love of neighbor.

Valentine’s Day is rooted in love first and foremost because Valentine died for his faith and devotion to God. We are not sure of the particulars, and there are differing versions of his martyrdom, but we do know he was beheaded because he loved Jesus Christ. That love, at least some legends tell us, was then lived out by helping other Christians who faced persecution in the third century of the church. He was willing to give up all, even his life, for his love of God and his neighbor.

Ash Wednesday also is based in this love. Although we love God we know that as humans we sin, we turn from God, and we also turn from our neighbor, we hurt them in small and sometimes big ways. Ash Wednesday marks us deeply and darkly with the cross to remind us the price Christ paid for our forgiveness. This hopefully compels us through faith to seek the good of our neighbor, to love them as ourselves.

So this intersection that is upon us has some shaking their heads in how they can go together?...Do I skip church to go out with my partner or spouse? Do I skip the roses and candy and the cards and the restaurant reservations and tell my loved one...we will do church this year!? I recommend that you do both. Come to church and hear how the Love of God is expressed for you and your loved ones...and then go out and enjoy the evening.

Blessings

Pastor David



Council Highlights

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council — January 11, 2018

1. Bible Study "Mirror Dimly" will begin Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. as we discuss current issues from a biblical perspective. The ELCA is known for members having a wide range of opinions on issues, and therefore, does not have strict "laws" or "right vs. wrong" on cultural and political issues. After three weeks, attendees will decide on the frequency of the study and possible topics.
2. Vivian Cook agreed to replace Sheila Alstatt as Altar Guild chairperson. We have changed to Setting 1. Holden Evening Prayer will be the service during Lent on Wednesday night. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 – "Ash and Dash" in the morning and lunch/early afternoon. No Wednesday activities except for service at 7:00 p.m. Clapping discussion has concluded.
3. Evangelism and Outreach committees have combined to form one committee.
4. Discussed the need for clarification of Constitutional requirements of an annual meeting/transition of new council members.

Annual inspection of heating and cooling system was completed by Comfort Heating and Air.

Special Council Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor David Strommen, Wayne Keeler, Tom Drown, Charlotte Herrman, Anna Prockish, Jody Biegert, Phil Sedo, Alan English Absent: Shellee Callahan, Kyle Tonniges

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers, council representative for endowment fund, and assign committee liaison positions.

Elected by unanimous voice vote were:

President – Wayne Keeler
 Vice-President – Phil Sedo
 Secretary – Anna Prockish
 Endowment Fund representative – Jody Biegert

Committee liaison assignments:

Worship and Music – Jody Biegert
 Property – Phil Sedo
 Education and Learning – Alan English, Charlotte Herrman
 Outreach and Evangelism – Anna Prockish
 Generosity – Kyle Tonniges, Shellee Callahan
 Finance – Shellee Callahan
 Memorial – Charlotte Herrman
 Personnel – Tom Drown – liaison, Wayne Keeler (Jody B. also serves as a member)
 Mutual Ministry – postponed until clarification on membership according to constitution

Council Retreat will be Sunday, February 18, 5-8 p.m. at church. Bring snacks.

Budget Information

Financial Information ending December 31, 2017:

Actual Income: \$282,729.44 Budget: \$268,050.00

Actual Expenses: \$287,981.23 Budget: \$293,790.00

We are thankful for the generosity of members and beginning 2018 on a very positive note.

Outreach



Rick Henderson and Pastor David present a check to the Salina Rescue mission for \$1275. Chad Young, executive director, accepted the check.

The money collected at the January 14 worship service will go toward the purchase of this new water heater



NEEDS OF THE MONTH – February 2018

The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for January 2018 include:

- ☐ Ibuprofen
- ☐ Acetaminophen
- ☐ Anti-Perspiring – Deodorant
- ☐ Cold Medicine
- ☐ Cough Drops
- ☐ Stocking Caps
- ☐ Gloves



A tremendous THANK YOU to the community for already helping us with many items of great need!

For more information, go on-line to www.salinarescuemission.com

This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785 823-2610.

Outreach

Dear friend,

Thank you again for your generous support of Lutheran Disaster Response in 2017. As we reflect and begin a new year, I'd like to share some thoughts with you.

Because of your generosity, our church is able to walk alongside disaster survivors, meeting urgent needs and helping with the long road to recovery.



In Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, we provided relief supplies to survivors and supported pastors so that they can focus on caring for their congregations and communities. We are currently assisting Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean Synod to build their capacities to respond to the disaster.

In Haiti and Cuba, we've replaced lost tools for farmers affected by the hurricane so they can get back to work, helped woman-headed households with cash assistance, and helped families get daily life back to normal with dishes, cookware and blankets.

In Texas, we're part of a group doing case management for survivors of disasters, and plans are underway for a respite retreat for rostered ministers.

In Florida, we've supported our affiliate in providing crisis counseling for thousands of people in 20 counties.

And much, much more is in the works as we continue to work closely with our affiliates, synods, companions and other partners.

Our goal? To have more resilient communities that are less vulnerable to the next disaster. Thanks to you, we're on the way there. I've already been impressed by the resiliency of our neighbors who survived disasters. Here are a few quotes that stuck with me recently:

"Virgin Islanders are strong and caring people. We have been hit hard, and so many are suffering. Despite this, people are joining together and supporting each other and forging a recovery out of the devastation."

– Christopher Finch, St. Croix

"Every day when I get up the first thing I do is give thanks to the Lord because I can see the light of a new day, not the electric light, a new opportunity to be alive and do the thing the Lord has called me to do."

– the Rev. Idalia Negron, Puerto Rico

"People are overwhelmed with the process, but they are also overwhelmed with love of the church, the neighbor and the stranger."

– Beverly Davis, Houston

Thank you again for partnering with us as we answer the invitation to be part of God's renewing work in the world.

With gratitude and fellowship,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Good Stewards



Get ready for some ~~Changes~~ in the Sunday Bulletin

Starting the first Sunday in Lent (February 18), your bulletin at the Sunday morning worship service will look different. In an effort to reduce paper usage, we're going to try a streamlined version.

You'll still see the weekly readings and announcements, but for the elements of the service that come from the red hymnal, you are invited to use the hymnal. (Page numbers will be provided in your new one-sheet bulletin.)

Why are we doing this? We think we'll save only about 17,000 sheets of paper per year, which is about 1½ trees. Our financial savings is only about \$135 a year. So why bother?

Well, we care about stewarding resources. Even a small step in that direction is worthwhile. This has become even more important with the closing of Images Recycling Center.

Lent seemed the perfect time to launch this effort, as we all think about what we will sacrifice for the good of the world.

Large-print bulletins

If you currently use a large-print bulletin, you will continue to have the entire service printed there.

Prayer list

Since the prayer list won't fit in this new streamlined bulletin, copies will be available in the gathering space (narthex) for those who want them.

Give us your feedback

We will continue this one-page bulletin format through the summer and then revisit the issue in August. During that time, please tell us what you think. The bulletin streamlining committee (Mary Mertz, Noni Strand, Pastor Strommen, and Anita Strommen) and all Council members want to hear your comments and suggestions.

We hope that within a couple of months people will get used to the new system and value the small bit of good we can do by using our beautiful hymnals instead of paper.

Many thanks,

Mary Mertz for the bulletin streamlining committee



Community



farmtofork

WINTER FARMERS MARKETS

PLUS Arts & Crafts!

1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 4-7 PM

SALINA FIELD HOUSE | 140 N 5TH



www.farmtoforkKS.com

VISION CARDS and **EBT/SNAP** accepted.

Select produce vendors also accept Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers which are distributed by North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Farm to Fork Kansas is a project of Kitchen 4 Hire, LLC and is made possible by a USDA Farmers Market Promotional Program Grant.

Vendors include:



C and C High Tunnel

Farm-fresh spinach, baby kale and a great mix of spring salad greens

Johnson Farms Country Market-

farm fresh eggs, pies, cinnamon rolls and bierocks, pickles, salsa, jams and jellies

North End Farms-pastured poultry, pastured beef, garlic and micro-greens

Smoky Buttes Ranch-chicken and lamb products, quality produce including heirloom tomatoes, peppers, greens, beets and carrots.

Wiebe Farms- freshly baked rolls, sweet breads, pies and Wiebe Cheese

Upcoming Market Dates and Events

Tuesday, February 6, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018- 4 to 7 p.m.

Thank You!

To Everyone at Redeemer,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I appreciate the support and thoughtfulness of the congregation in and toward the music we provide every week at Redeemer.

I'm hopin to use the gift toward attending the national conference of the American Guild of Organist which is luckily quite close this year, in Kansas City in July.

Sincerely,
Ruth Mirtz

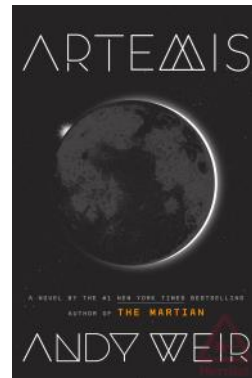
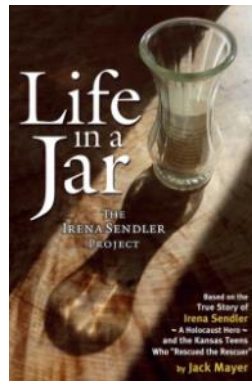
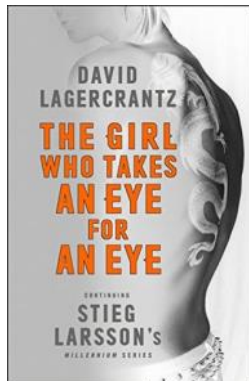
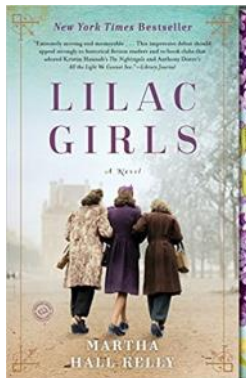
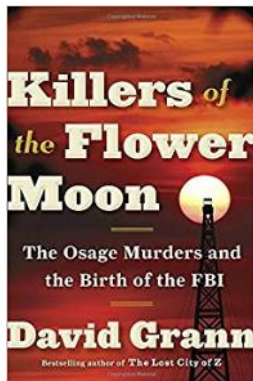
Thank You

Redeemer extras

PAGETURNERS

Book Club Meets on
the 4th Tuesday of
the month.

(there are a few exceptions)



January 23

Killers of the Flower Moon
By David Grann
Host- Pam and Larry Strahan
Leader- Pam Strahan

April 24

Life in a Jar
By Jack Mayer
Host-Mary Shaffer
Leader- Mary Shaffer

February 27

Lilac Girl
By Martha Hall Kelly
Host- Marty Holmquist
Leader- Becky Pyle

May15

Artemis
By
Host- Lonnie and David Wahlgren
Leader- David Wahlgren

March 27

The Girl Who Takes an Eye For an Eye
By David Lagercrantz
Host- Lana Jordan
Leader- Lana Jordan

June 26

Looking for Host and Leader

July 24

Looking for Host and Leader



Thank You!

Thank
You

Thank you to the Redeemer community for the wonderful Christmas gift! Our family is blessed to have such a supportive and caring church family!

~ Dan, Ann, and Kahlan Metcalfe

Lenten Events

Lent



Ash Wednesday – Ash and Dash, February 14,
7-9:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm; no other activities

Wednesday evenings Holden Village Evening Prayer communion worship service.

Palm Sunday – March 25

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Good Friday – March 30

Easter Sunday – April 1



We are trying something new this year. Here is your chance. Instead of assigning groups to serve the soup each week we are asking for volunteers to serve. If you have a favorite soup you would like to share or a new recipe you are wanting to try, this is the time.

If you would like to donate Soup/food or give of your time for a Wednesday evening soup supper during Lent, please contact Kris Johanson at 402-759-2255 or email her at gkjohanson@gmail.com.

The dates are February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, & 21. She will let you know what she needs donated when you call her or if you see her at church, she will gladly talk to you then.

Cajun Dinner

Tuesday, February 13

6-8pm

Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Cornbread & Dessert



Youth Fundraiser: proceeds for students attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer.
For tickets see Jordan or Drew Alstatt, Emily Strommen, or Nate Callahan.

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Wednesday Night Ministry

Have a busy week?

**We are open late on Wednesday
and you can leave the cooking to us.**

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for



5:30 - Weekly Meal

The evening begins with a light Supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



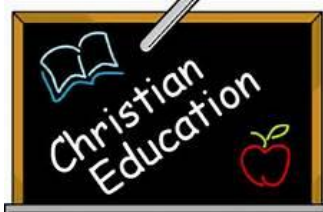
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade

What is Godly Play? A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come



6:15 - Worship—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.

*call for
a ride!*



After Worship stay for more learning

4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

7th & 8th Grade confirmation

High School

Adults

*Free Child Care
For Little Ones!*

Music Ministry
7:15

Lectionary for Sundays in February

Sun, Feb 4—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)

[Psalm 147:1-11, 20c](#)

[1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)

[Mark 1:29-39](#)

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.



³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons

Sun, Feb 11—Transfiguration of Our Lord

[2 Kings 2:1-12](#)

[Psalm 50:1-6](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sun, Feb 18—First Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[Psalm 25:1-10](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Mark 1:9-15](#)

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sun, Feb 25—Second Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#)

[Psalm 22:23-31](#)

[Romans 4:13-25](#)

[Mark 8:31-38](#)

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



Community Service



February 14
7-9:30am
2-3pm

Partners in Ministry

ALTER GUILD: Mary Shaffer, Carol Keeler

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Usher/ Greeter	Cheryl Itschner Carol Lehman	Diane Conover Kathey Lowman	Jan & Randy Jackson	Gary & Sue Mettlen
Communion	Charlotte Herrman Randy Jackson	Mary Ellen Rudick Mary Shaffer	Carol Lehman Charlotte Herrman	Virg Augustine Noni Strand
Lector	Charlotte Herrman	Mary Ellen Rudick	Jan Jackson	Virg Augustine
Sound	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

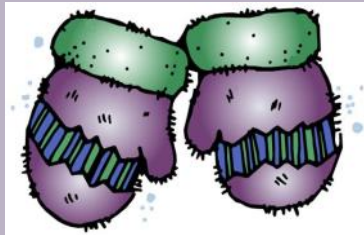
Greeter	Karen Lucas Esther Jording	Phil & Jean Sedo	Tom & Sandi Drown	Jo & Janis Plumer
Usher	Larry & Caroling Manz	Rick & Betty Henderson	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Grant & Kris Johanson
Communion	Wayne Keeler Anna Prockish	Kris Johansen Ray Beckman	Viv Cook Mike Ramage	Marty Holmquist Alan English
Lector	Britney English	Gary Jordan	Carol Kuhlman	Debbie Beckman
Cantor	Jodi Bachand	Britney English	Ann Metcalfe	Jodi Bachand
Sound	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Tom Mertz	Mary Mertz
Coffee Host	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Grant & Kris Johanson	Gary & Lana Jordan	Larry & Pam Strahan

We are Family

Happy Birthday

- 3 Emily Strommen
- 4 Grant Johanson
- 5 Pam Strahan
- 7 Trey Potter
- 7 Doris Simson
- 11 Kris Johanson
- 11 Kolbi Burch
- 14 Carl Pyle
- 18 Cody Pennington
- 19 Randy Jackson

There are no February anniversaries.



Flower Chart



There are a lot of empty spaces on the flower chart for 2018.

If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services on a specific date, please sign the chart. Make sure to use only a dry-erase marker.

Cost will be \$20.



Weather alerts: It's that time of year when weather starts to factor in to possibly canceling Sunday worship or week-day event and meeting.

MAKE SURE TO WATCH YOUR E-MAIL!

A special weather e-mail will be sent to everyone announcing the cancellation.

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST!

If you need to be called please let the church office know.

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The March Newsletter deadline is February 15th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

February

SUN

MON


TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1 7pm
Pastor's
Bible Study
COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE

Study

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8 Worship
10:30
Worship

5

6

5:30
Committee
Meetings

7

9 Bible
Study
5:30 Supper
6:00 Godly
Play
6:15Worship
7:15 Choir

8

6 Council
Meeting

**Church
Council
Meeting**

9

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11

8 Worship
10:30
Worship

12

13

6-8pm
Cajun
Dinner

14

7-9:30 am
2-3pm
Ash n' Dash
7pm Worship

15

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18

Noise
Offering
8 Worship
10:30
Worship
5-8 Council
Retreat

19

6pm Silver
Needles
Meeting

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9 Bible
Study
5:30 Supper
6:00 Godly
Play
6:15Worship
7:15 Choir

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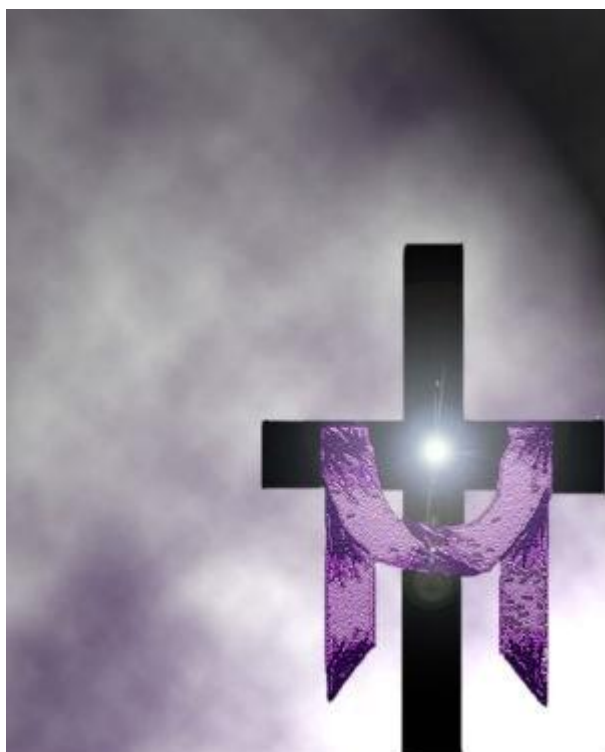
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9 Bible
Study
5:30 Supper
6:00 Godly
Play
6:15Worship
7:15 Bells



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Sunday Sermons can now be heard
on the Redeemer Website.



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship
10:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner
6:00—Godly Play
6:15—Communion Worship
Followed by Education
7:15—Music practice

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
Worship Accompanist:**
Britney English

2018 Council

Jody Biegert	827-3429
Shellee Callahan	822-6878
Tom Drown	493-1592
Alan English	643-4078
Charlotte Herrman	643-9445
Wayne Keeler, President	825-4511

Phil Sedo, vice president
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Kyle Tonniges 308-627-6333

Treasurer: Rick Henderson

Financial Secretaries: Mike Ramage
and Joe Plumer